

THE WESTERN MECCA.

Afro-Americans From Everywhere Flock to the White City—Some Notable Social Events—Young Bruce's Eloquent Address—News Notes.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—After an unusually brilliant season, society has settled back into its usual habits, and is taking a rest before entering upon the field of winter festivities. The past summer has been a memorable one. Our city has been the paradise for visitors, and our people have entertained royally and lavishly. Scores of the best people of the country have whiled away the heated season in this windy



ROSCOE CONKLING BRUCE.

town, attracted hither by the G. A. R. encampment, and the wonderful reports of the many things to be seen in this great metropolis of the west.

Among the most notable entertainments given in honor of the visitors—and every thing has been for "the visitors," were the trolley party of Prof. and Mrs. William Emanuel; the trolley ride given by Miss Margaret Bell; the outing at Cheltenham Beach given by Mrs. George C. Hall and Miss Mabel Wheeler; a breakfast given by Miss Lollie Smith; an outdoor party in Rasch's Grove by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smiley; and the dance in the woods at Gardner's Grove, given by the Fellowship Club, of which Dr. William F.



DR. GEORGE C. HALL.

Taylor is the President. The Ball at Medinah Temple given under the auspices of the Associated Social Clubs of Chicago was an immense success. Many house parties also were given, among which might be mentioned those given by Prof. and Mrs. Emanuel, Dr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Smiley, and

Mrs. Essie Arnold. A particularly pleasant company was the chafing dish party given by Miss Mattie Jeannette Johnson.

Among the visitors in town were the Misses M. Elizabeth Davis, Ella Brown, Lilly and Rose Murphy, and Edith Mottell, of Baltimore; Miss Mamie Meredith of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Minnes of Cincinnati; Mrs. and Miss Glover of Boston; Miss Nellie Smith of Boston; Miss Elizabeth Slaughter of Louisville; Miss Mary Dickerson, Miss Susie Brent, Miss Jane Cropper, Mrs. S. M. Lewis, and Mr. and Mrs. William Butler of Washington; Miss Dora Young of Kansas City, Mo.; Misses Lizzie McCard of Quincy, Ill., and Grace Settles of Rockford, Ill.; Miss Johnson of Louisville; Miss Jennie Porter and Miss Easton of Cincinnati; Messrs. Edward Glover of Boston, Prof. Wm. Dawley of Kansas City, Prof. Johnson and Dr. Joseph Jefferson of Nashville; Prof. D. C. Suggs of Savannah, Ga.; Roscoe C. Bruce of Boston; T. Thomas Fortune, Col. Pledger of Georgia; J. H. Murphy of Baltimore; George W. Bryant of Kentucky, and many others whose names escape me.

Phil. Brown, once an active worker on The Colored American and latterly doing newspaper work in New York on the metropolitan dailies, has located here, and has connected himself with the Chicago American. Mr. Brown is a part owner of Howard's American Magazine, now published at Harrisburg, but which I am told will be located here in the future. Mr. Brown is bunking with that radiant and genial soul, "Judge" W. H. H. Moore, of the daily Record.



EDITOR J. H. MURPHY.

Last Wednesday at high noon, Miss Ida May Wiedemer, the charming niece of Hon. and Mrs. E. H. Wright was married at St. Thomas' Episcopal church to Mr. Frederick R. Burnett, a prosperous business man of Hartman, Mich. Rev. A. H. Lealstad officiated.

Mr. Julius N. Avendorph who has long enjoyed the distinction of being the recognized leader of society in this city, will be married at Marquette, Mich., next Wednesday, September 19, to Miss Jennie Claven, who is one of the noted beauties of the Northwest. Mrs. and Mrs. Avendorph will reside at 6352 Rhodes ave., where they will be at home after October 1st.

The first meeting of our literary clubs was that of the Men's Sunday Club at Quinn Chapel last Sunday. On this occasion, Roscoe Conkling Bruce, only son of the late Senator B. K. Bruce, who has won the highest honors in oratory at Harvard, where he is a senior, made the principal address. Mr. Bruce took for his theme, the "Greatness of

Abraham Lincoln." This subject he handled in a thoroughly scholarly manner, and added to the deep thought of his discourse, the charm of a magnificent voice and the most graceful and forceful oratory. The vast auditorium of the chapel was filled with a large and fashionable crowd, who listened to Mr. Bruce with rapt attention, and expressed their appreciation of his address in a round of applause that lasted several minutes. Mr. Bruce has much of the manner of Booker T. Washington, and indeed is not unlike him in physical appearance, as was often remarked.

Mr. J. H. Murphy, editor of the Afro American Ledger, of Baltimore, spent several weeks visiting in our city during the G. A. R. encampment. Upon his return home, he wrote Chicago up; it is rather pleasing to us Chicagoans to see our-elves in the glass that Editor Murphy holds up to us. We are glad that this distinguished Baltimorean saw so much of the good that is in our midst, and overlooked so much that is unsightly.

Much anxiety was created in Chicago when the news of terrible Galveston horror was received. But one death of a Chicagoan has been reported, and that was Mrs. Waring, wife of Mr. Champion J. Waring, one of our prominent business men. Mr. Waring has gone South. He has a host of friends who join with him in his loss, and offer him their heartfelt sympathy.

Miss Mabel G. Wheeler, daughter of the Honorable Lloyd G. Wheeler, and a favorite in the social world, won a position in the St. Louis High School last month. She has left to assume her new duties.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias for the jurisdiction of Illinois, Dr. William F. Taylor, formerly of Washington and Philadelphia, was elected Grand Chancellor for this State.

ALBERT B. GEORGE.

Tuskegee (Ala.) Notes.

The twentieth annual session of the Tuskegee Institute opened Tuesday, September 11th with an increased attendance as compared with the opening in former years. Teachers and students have entered upon the year's work with that energy and determination which insure a profitable session for all concerned. Tuskegee is fortunate in securing the addition of some of the ablest men and women of the race as teachers in the academic and industrial departments. With these additions much good will be accomplished by the students. Principal Washington was the recipient of a beautiful gold pen presented him as a souvenir of the organization of the National Negro Business League at Boston by the delegates representing Alabama in the convention. He was also presented a bell by a delegate engaged in the manufacture of bells at East Hampton, Conn.

CYRUS CAMPFIELD.

Colored American Magazine.

The first fall number of the Colored American Magazine has on its cover a trim figure of one of Brooklyn's most promising young women, who represents distinctively the religious side of social life. It also contains an opinion of the publication by a New York newspaper man, a portrait of the founder of the Fleur de Lys Social Club with a short sketch of the work of the organization. The account of the Trinity Lyceum is also interesting.

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